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1. DR. PEDRO LOPEZ DIAZ, EDITORIAL WRITER ON LATIN AMERICAN-US AFFAIRS FOR EL HERALDO DE MEXICO (CONSERVATIVE -- DAILY CIRCULATION NEARING 180,000), PLANNING ARRIVE WASHINGTON JANUARY 20. DURING HIS TEN-DAY STAY WILL WRITE NUMBER OF FEATURES ON US COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL THEMES. ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE TO INTERVIEW VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER RELATING TO HIS GENERAL VIEWS ABOUT US-LATAM RELATIONS.

2. DR. LOPEZ ACCOMPANIED MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ON HIS TOURS OF LATAM AND EUROPE LAST YEAR AND SPECIALIZES IN INTERVIEWS WITH HEADS OF STATE FOR HERALDO. IS A DEPUTY SENATOR (SUPLENTE) FROM STATE OF NAYARIT AND A FORMER CONGRESSMAN. DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH BUT MENTIONED HE HAS MET WITH VARIOUS US LEGISLATORS DURING PREVIOUS VISITS TO WASHINGTON. POST REQUESTING USIA PRESS CENTER WASHINGTON MAKE EFFORT ARRANGE LOPEZ INTERVIEW WITH VICE PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR CONCURS, BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED DIRECTLY TO VICE PRESIDENTE ROCKEFELLER THAT HE

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GRANT SIMILAR INTERVIEW TO EXCELSIOR DIRECTOR JULIO

SCHERER, THE LATTER TO FLY TO WASHINGTON WHEN SUCH INTERVIEW FORTHCOMING.

3. EL HERALDO HAS CONSISTENTLY PUBLISHED USIS MATERIAL AND USIS CONFIDENT INTERVIEW WOULD INCLUDE UNBIASED REPORT ON US FOREIGN POLICY AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE REBUTTAL TO LOCAL PRESS CRITICISMS THAT US/LA DIALOGUE WANING.

4. LOPEZ WILL VISIT USIA PRESS CENTER JANUARY 20, DAY OF ARRIVAL WASHINGTON VIA TUCSON.
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